Metro Rail Projects for cities with more than five million population

153. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to give approval to Metro Rail Projects in cities having more than five million population to solve the problem of traffic congestion;

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard; and

(c) if not, how the traffic problem will be solved in view of the phenomenal traffic growth in the major cities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No such project proposals are under consideration at present.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) In order to solve Traffic problems in major cities, various measures taken in the short and medium term include Traffic System management, construction of flyovers and construction of new roads. Metro Rail Projects being highly capital intensive, are constrained by the lack of resources for such projects.

Maintenance of parks at VP House

†154. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that inspite of a number of letters to the Department of Horticulture by the Members of Parliament, no attention is being given towards their suggestions and proper maintenance of parks at VP House; and

(b) if so, the action taken on the letters of those Members of Parliament who had written letters during the last six months for the proper maintenance of parks?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) The suggestions of Hon'ble MPs are always given utmost attention. Although no letter from the Hon'ble MPs regarding maintenance of parks in V.P. House has been received during the last six months, improvements in the maintenance of these parks are being carried out by the CPWD.

Scheme of potable water supply to Jabalpur Cantonment

†155. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the delay in the schemes for providing potable water to Jabalpur Cantonment from Narmada;

(b) whether NOC has not been obtained for this work, so far; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) The Public Health Engineering Department, Government of Madhya Pradesh has informed that scheme for supply of drinking water to Jabalpur Cantonment from Narmada river is to be prepared by Cantonment, Division, Jabalpur. The Government of Executive Officer Cantonment, proposal for survey of scheme has been sent on 12.2.2001 to Principal Directorate, Central Command, Lucknow for approval and sanction.

(b) The Government of Madhya Pradesh has informed that the Executive Officer Cantonment, Jabalpur, has reported that No Objection Certificate for supply of water to Jabalpur Cantonment from Narmada river was received on 6.1.2001 from Narmada Valley Development Authority, Government of Madhya Pradesh.

(c) Does not arise.

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